



At a Sept. 18 retirement reception, Dr. Doin Hicks holds a caricature by Gallaudet artist Charles Robertson and presented by eight of Hicks' staff members over his 21 years here.

Faculty discusses guidelines changes

The Gallaudet Board of Trustees will not act on new faculty guidelines defining faculty competencies and governing faculty evaluations until February, Dr. William Marshall, chairman of the University Faculty, announced at a special meeting of the University Faculty Sept. 16.

The Board of Trustees Committee on Academic Affairs, which will not officially receive the proposed changes until mid-October, has asked to discuss the changes with administration and faculty representatives at the Oct. 24 and 25 Board of Trustees meeting, according to Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to the president for institutional affairs and co-chair of the Task Force on University Policies.

However, Mark Weinberg, chairman of Committee A (Faculty Welfare), said that the board's approval is not necessary and recommended that the faculty implement the guidelines whether or not the board considers them when it meets.

The guidelines changes were approved by the University Faculty last spring and sent to Provost Harvey Corson. But the Board of Trustees does not conduct business meetings in the summer and therefore has not had an opportunity to discuss the proposals, Martin explained.

"The procedures for amending guidelines outlined in the bylaws of the University Faculty say nothing about needing the board's approval," Weinberg said. He explained later that the Board of Trustees bylaws say that the board has final authority over development and amendment of faculty guidelines, but the University Faculty bylaws give that authority to the University Faculty.

Martin said that because contradictions exist in various University

governance documents, "determining which governance body has oversight responsibilities is an important issue that the task force [which includes board, administration, faculty, and staff representation] is working to resolve." Representatives of the task force met with faculty representatives Sept. 9 to share discrepancies that they have found in the University bylaws and guidelines.

The new guidelines update, modify, and clarify previous guidelines regarding faculty competency and evaluation, according to Weinberg.

The University Faculty also unanimously approved new guidelines governing academic rank, merit increases, and promotions. The guidelines upgrade criteria for certain ranks, establish new criteria for a variety of personnel actions, and provide for the development of a two-tier system for merit increases. These guidelines will also be sent to the Board of Trustees for its consideration, Marshall said.

Marshall also reported that he has informed Dr. Corson that the faculty wants to participate in selecting members of a task force on classroom teaching established by President I. King Jordan last year, and to help determine the responsibilities of the task force.

During an open discussion period, Dr. Larry Stewart, an associate professor in the Psychology Department, objected to the new Pre-College Programs communication policy, which encourages teachers and staff to use American Sign Language as much as possible and to sign without voice.

"The implementation of this new policy is no different from 100 years ago when oralism was dictated at

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Gallaudet follows nationwide trend in reporting lower enrollment figures

Preliminary enrollment figures at Gallaudet for the fall 1991 semester show a decline in the new student population from 1990, according to Astrid Goodstein, executive director of the Office of Enrollment Services.

This year, 497 new undergraduate and graduate students enrolled, compared with 633 at this time last year. Gallaudet's total enrollment to date is 2,223, compared to 2,404 last year.

"Decreased enrollments are a nationwide trend in higher education and were anticipated here," said Goodstein. She added that a primary reason for the drop in enrollment at colleges and universities across the nation is that 1991 high school graduates are what demographers refer to as "population busters" because most of them were born in 1973, the year that saw an unusually low birthrate in the United States.

The data indicate that when classes began Sept. 3 at both of Gallaudet's campuses, there were 151 freshmen, compared with 231 last year; 150 preparatory students at the Northwest Campus, compared with 180 in September 1990; and 121 graduate students, compared with 136 last year.

Additional enrollment figures for the current semester show that 32 are nondegree undergraduate special students, 11 are English Language Institute students at the Northwest Campus, two are enrolled in the Office Systems Program at the Northwest Campus, and 40 are transfer students. The data also show that of the newly accepted undergraduates, 13 percent represent international populations and seven percent are minority students.

Classes also started Sept. 3 for stu-

dents at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School. MSSD expected 88 new students and 41 enrollees in the Postsecondary Enrichment Program (PEP), bringing the entire enrollment at MSSD to 344—almost exactly the same as the fall 1990 figure. The total enrollment at KDES was projected to be 183 students, including 15 new students and six new students in the Special Opportunities Program. KDES had 13 new students last year.

Goodstein emphasized that the preliminary figures for fall semester will be changed somewhat by drop/add and late registration.

County responds to 911 TDD failure

Montgomery County, Md., has installed a second TDD line to the county's 911 emergency response system, according to Dr. Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president at Gallaudet. The installation of the line was made in response to allegations raised by the Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) at a Sept. 9 press conference that a one-line TDD system has failed deaf people who called for emergency medical help.

The most recent instance of the county's 911 system not meeting the needs of a deaf person with a medical emergency came on Sept. 6 when Gannon suffered a diabetic insulin reaction at his Silver Spring, Md., home.

Gannon's wife, Rosalyn Gannon, who is also deaf, made three calls to

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Provost Harvey Corson talks with Christina Beckwith ('89), Associate Professor Frances Parsons, and School of Education and Human Services Dean David Martin. Beckwith, the first recipient of the Frances Parsons International Endowment, which supports teaching English to deaf people in foreign countries, will teach in Orleans, France.

Emergency TDD calls unanswered

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911 on a TDD, which were not answered. Finally, she sought the assistance of a hearing friend, who made a voice call and reached the 911 operator, who dispatched an ambulance to the Gannons' home.

Gannon said that according to Larry Bell, deputy director of the county police department's communications division, his wife's calls were not answered because the sole TDD line was tied up by another deaf person's call for medical help. Bell said that the chances of two TDD calls coming in at the same time were "totally astronomical."

However, MDAD president Dr. Harvey Goodstein, who is also a mathematics and computer science professor at Gallaudet, maintains that 911 operators in Montgomery and other Maryland counties are unresponsive to the emergency medical needs of the deaf community. The association pointed to similar instances of deaf callers who were failed by the system.

One example, according to a press release from the MDAD, was Edward Sonnenstrahl, 81, the father of Alfred Sonnenstrahl, executive director of Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc., who fell down the front steps of his Greenbelt home on Aug. 9. After his son placed three calls to the Prince George's County 911 center without receiving a response, he dialed a seven-digit TDD number and was able to make contact. However, despite the fact that he requested medical help, the 911 operator sent the police instead.

"I think a lot of good will come out of this traumatic experience," Gannon said of his encounter with the 911 system. "Mr. Bell called me on the TDD the next day to tell me what happened, and he informed me that the county is working on getting more TDDs. That gave me the opportunity to suggest that more attention be given to training operators in the use of TDDs. I also recommended an orientation to deafness for the operators. He was receptive to those suggestions."



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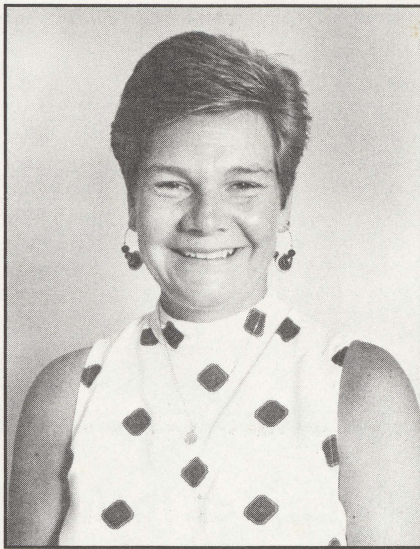
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Kay Vincent has been appointed director of the Gallaudet Regional Center at Oblone College in Fremont, Calif. Vincent, a Gallaudet alumna ('75), was formerly the outreach program director at the Deaf Counseling, Advocacy, and Referral Agency in San Leandro, Calif.

Announcements

Gallaudet will host professionals from national and international universities and businesses at the 23rd annual conference of the International Visual Literacy Association Oct. 9-13 at the Capitol Hill Quality Hotel. The 1991 conference is entitled "Visual Communication: Bridging Across Cultures." Registration is \$90 for members and \$105 for nonmembers. There are special rates for students and people who attend for one day only. For more information, contact Dr. Fatemeh Olia, conference chairwoman, Department of Educational Technology, x5535, or Dr. David Martin, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, x5520.

Giant food store shoppers can help KDES get free computers by sending their cash register receipts between Sept. 15 and Feb. 29 to KDES-DAVIS.

Union, Gallaudet co-host symposium

Six panelists will share their perspectives on diversity at a symposium, "Toward Definitions of Diversity and Inclusiveness: Culture, Community, and Consciousness," on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

The event is co-sponsored by The Union Institute and Gallaudet University as part of their 1989 agreement to encourage deaf adults to explore doctoral studies at The Union Institute, which provides technical assistance and other resources to deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

"We hope to make this the first of many co-sponsored events that will provide opportunities for both institutions to share resources and expertise," said Dr. Marilyn Sass-Lehrer, associate professor of education at Gallaudet, who coordinates projects sponsored by the universities.

After the discussion, panelists will lead the audience in breakout sessions. A reception will be held in the Ely Atrium at 6 p.m.

No registration is required. For more information, call Sass-Lehrer at x5530, or E-mail MASASSLEHRER.

Among Ourselves

Dr. Richard Lytle, an associate professor in the Department of Education, and his wife, Dr. Linda Lytle, a psychologist, were among seven Americans invited to address a conference on education of deaf people in Heidelberg, Germany, in May. Richard Lytle presented a paper describing Gallaudet's undergraduate education program, and Linda Lytle spoke on psychosocial issues of deaf students.

New guidelines changes reviewed

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Milan," Stewart said. Noting that the Pre-College policy could eventually affect instruction at Gallaudet, he urged Gallaudet faculty to be involved in formulating and implementing communication policies for Pre-College Programs.

Lynn Jacobowitz, an assistant professor in the Sign Communication Department, responded that using two languages at the same time does not lead to effective communication. "I don't really care about the sign structure, but we really need to keep the two languages separate," she said.

Dr. James Mahshie, a professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, presented a paper, "Voice Characteristics of Deaf Speakers: Aerodynamic and Electroglossographic Evidence," in August at the 12th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Gustave Rathe, a member of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees, has written *The Wreck of the Barque Stefano off the North West Cape of Australia in 1875*, an adventurous account of the Stefano's sinking nine miles off the Australian coast. One of the two survivors was 17-year-old Miho Baccich, Rathe's grandfather. With the aid of the Aborigines, the survivors endured six months of searing heat, starvation, thirst, and illness, and experienced cannibalism before being rescued. People who are interested in the book can contact Sue Russell in the President's Office.

Gerri Frank, administrative assistant in the Advocacy Office, won first prizes for her macrame wall hanging at the Howard County Fair Aug. 12 and the Maryland State Fair Aug. 25.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Sept. 23-27 will be published Oct. 7.

FOR RENT: Room to professional, New Carrollton, Md., 5 min. to Metro, \$340/mo. Call Donne, x5687.

FOR RENT: 1-BR apt., w/w carpet, W/D, AC/heating, bright and sunny, Dupont Circle, 2 blocks to Metro, \$675/mo. plus elec. E-mail GIS_PRATT.

FOR RENT: 3-BR townhouse, CAC, W/D, built-in bookcase, fireplace, patio, NE DC, avail. Nov. 1, \$1,100 plus util. Call (202) 398-7846 (V).

FOR SALE: 2 twin mattresses w/box springs, firm, good cond., frames, price neg., inc. free, barely used stoneware and

glass dishes. Call Ulf, x5209, or (703) 931-9840 (V/TDD), or E-mail UHEDBERG.

FOR SALE: '84 Dodge Colt 2-dr. hatchback, 35K mi., AM/FM cassette, manual, good cond., \$900. Call Irene Tseng, x5315 or E-mail TITSENG.

FOR SALE: '77 Buick Skyhawk, 2-dr., automatic, runs well, looks good, needs minor front end work, 2nd owner, \$495/BO. Call (301) 262-9224 (V/TDD) after noon.

FOR SALE: Elegant full-size brass bed w/mattress, \$175/BO; brown, orange, white plaid sofa, \$100/BO. Call B. Hunt, x5031 or E-mail BMHUNT.

FOR SALE: Boxer shorts and shirts to raise money for Student Body Government. Call x5390 3-6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Pure imported vanilla, 4/5 qt., \$12. E-mail MGMOORE.

WANTED: Licensed electrician w/23 yrs. experience seeks work installing window and ceiling fans, doorbells, intercom systems, fuse panels, phone lines, garage systems, AC plugs and light fixtures, also does appliance maintenance. Call Tonya, x4383 or Willis, (301) 279-6677 (V).

WANTED: Babysitter, Laurel, Md., Mon.-Fri., your place or ours, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call (301) 317-4374 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Matching loveseat/chair, brown stripe, \$175/both. Call Rosemary, x5115 or E-mail RBENNETT.

FOR RENT: Private BR and bath in Greenbelt, Md., inc. use of kitchen, living and dining rooms, must have car, have cats and dog, avail. Oct. 1, \$375/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call (301) 552-2687 (TDD).

WANTED: Student/instructor to teach ASL/deaf culture Wednesdays, 11-11:50 a.m., at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, 8-15 students/neg., small stipend. Olivia Wills, (202) 337-3350, x220 (V).



Actress Cheri Lundquist, a Gallaudet graduate, will appear in the Washington Stage Guild's adaptation of *Henry James' Aspern Papers*, which runs through Oct. 20. For information on signed performances and reservations, call (202) 529-2084 (V/TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

PERSONAL COUNSELOR: Pre-College Programs, Student Development
REGISTRATION ASSISTANT: Records Management